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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, PN  
SUBJECT: ODUBER ON PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS

REF: (A) SAN JOSE 583  
(B) PANAMA 1057

1. AT MARCH 16 STATE DINNER HONORING VISITING COLOMBIAN  
PRESIDENT LOPEZ MICHELSEN, PRESIDENT ODUBER EXPRESSED  
PLEASURE THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION, UPON TAKING  
OFFICE, HAD QUICKLY RESUMED NEGOTIATIONS WITH PANAMA ON  
A NEW CANAL TREATY AS REQUESTED BY VARIOUS LATIN  
PRESIDENTS INCLUDING THEMSELVES. HE ADDED "THE NEWS  
THAT WE HAVE ABOUT THE RESULT OF THE FIRST ROUND OF  
THE NEW NEGOTIATIONS STRENGTHENS OUR HOPE THAT PANAMA'S  
JUST CAUSE WILL TRIUMPH."

2. ODUBER REITERATED COSTA RICAN SUPPORT FOR  
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PANAMA, AND EXPRESSED VIEW THAT COSTA RICA AND  
COLOMBIA "HAVE A DIRECT INTEREST IN THE SUCCESS  
OF PANAMA'S ASPIRATIONS." IN THIS REGARD HE CITED  
MEETINGS TWO YEARS AGO OF PRESIDENTS OF COLOMBIA,  
VENEZUELA, AND COSTA RICA WITH TORRIJOS ON CONTADORA,  
PANAMA'S 1955 GUARANTEE TO COLOMBIA AND COSTA RICA  
ON TRANSIT RIGHTS FOR THESE TWO COUNTRIES, AND THE

RECENT LETTERS OF CERTAIN LA PRESIDENTS, INCLUDING  
LOPEZ AND ODUBER, TO THEN PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER.

3. COMMENT. THIS WAS AN APPROPRIATE SETTING FOR ODUBER  
TO RE-EMPHASIZE THE INTERESTED AND CONSTRUCTIVE  
ROLE AS CONCERNED NEIGHBOR THAT COSTA RICA VIEWS  
FOR ITSELF IN CANAL NEGOTIATION MATTERS. HE ALSO  
MADE IT CLEAR THROUGH HIS MENTION OF THE CONTADORA  
MEETING AND THE CARTER LETTER THAT HE FULLY PERCEIVES  
ANY FUTURE COSTA RICAN ROLE TO BE COMMENSURATE WITH  
COLOMBIA'S AND VENEZUELA'S.  
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